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For: AN ABSORBENT SUPERSTRUCTURE)	
IN AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE,)	
COMPRISING A PARTIALLY)	
NEUTRALIZED SUPERABSORBENT)	
MATERIAL AND AN ABSORBENT)	
ARTICLE THAT COMPRISES THE)	
ABSORBENT STRUCTURE)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The following documents were cited on pages 2-4 and 13 in the specification of the above-identified application:

WO 95/00183;

EP 339461;

EP 532002;

EP 391108, which corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,041,496 (a copy of the U.S. Patent is enclosed); and

SE 9702298-2, which has since become patented as SE 511838 (a copy of the patent document is enclosed).

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report issued in connection with the corresponding PCT application. The following references are cited:

EP 202126, which corresponds to U.S. Patent 4,657,537 (a copy of the U.S. Patent is enclosed); and

EP 391108, cited above.

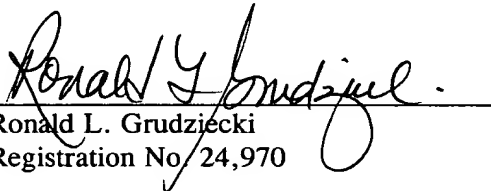
The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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